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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SC MEETING ON THE MIDDLE EAST

1. FOLLOWING BRIEFING BY AMB. YOUNG OF AMB. HERZOG ON
PROSPECTS FOR MIDDLE EAST DEBATE AS OF MORNING 24 MARCH,
HERZOG ASKED THAT ISRAELI MISSION AND USUN LEGAL ADVISERS
MEET TO DISCUSS ISRAELI VIEWS ON PROPER DISPOSITION OF
EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE SC DEBATE.
USUN LEGAL ADVISER SUBSEQUENTLY MET WITH ISRAELI DCM ELIAV
WHO PROPOSED THAT US, AS SC PRESIDENT, SHOULD RULE THAT
PLO PARTICIPATION FORMULA USED IN THE PAST RAISES MATTERS
OF SUBSTANCE AND THAT US VOTE AGAINST THE FORMULATION
WOULD CONSTITUTE A VETO. USUN OFFICER EXPLAINED REASONS
WHY PRESIDENT COULD NOT REASONABLY DO SO. HE NOTED
(A) UNBROKEN LINE OF PAST FIVE PRECEDENTS, (B) THAT ANY
EFFORT TO VETO WHAT THE COUNCIL REASONABLY CONSIDERS AS
ONLY PROCEDURAL WOULD BE OVERTURNED EITHER IMMEDIATELY
OR THE VERY FIRST TIME A NON-US PRESIDENT WAS
ROTATED INTO OFFICE, AND (C) THAT US INTERESTS AND,
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WE BELIEVED, THOSE OF ISRAEL, WOULD NOT BE SERVED BY
UNSUCCESSFULLY TRYING TO ASCRIBE TO THE PLO INVITATION
FORMULA THE CHARACTER OF IMPORTANT SUBSTANCE RATHER
THAN MERE PROCEDURAL AND VERBAL PUFFERY. ELIAV TOOK
THE POINT, ALTHOUGH IT IS PLAIN THAT THE ISRAELI
MISSION WISHED OUR VIEWS WERE OTHERWISE.

2. IT APPEARS THAT THE US ALONE WILL VOTE NO AGAINST PLO PARTICIPATION, WHICH, AS BEFORE, WILL BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL WITH MORE THAN THE NECESSARY PROCEDURAL MAJORITY OF NINE VOTES.

3. ON ANOTHER ASPECT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEBATE, THE SECRETARIAT WILL FOLLOW RECENT PRECEDENTS AND GIVE ISRAEL, WHICH HAS SO REQUESTED, A SEAT AT THE COUNCIL TABLE THROUGHOUT THE DEBATE, AS IT WILL THE PLO. THUS, AS AT THE LAST DISCUSSION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN NOVEMBER 1976, OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL SIT AT THE TABLE ONLY WHEN SPEAKING AND WILL THEN WITHDRAW. THIS MATTER DID NOT ARISE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH ISRAELI MISSION EXCEPT THAT THEY TOLD US ISRAEL WISHES TO BE SEATED THROUGHOUT THE DEBATE.
YOUNG

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